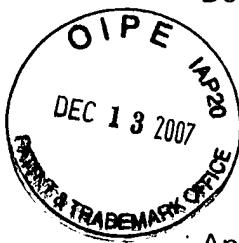


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : William W. Smith III, et al.
Application No. : 09/684,010
Filed : October 6, 2000
Title : Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices
Grp./Div. : 3629
Examiner : Plucinski, Jamisue A.
Docket No. : PSTM0002/MRK

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE
WITH REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

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Commissioner:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2007, designated a final rejection, regarding the above-identified application, a Request for Continued Examination is concurrently filed herewith; please enter the amendments, and the response and remarks, as indicated below. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the amendments made below, the responsive remarks below and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination.

The August 10, 2007 Office Action set a three-month time period in which to respond, namely, until November 10, 2007. A Petition for an Extension of Time for one month, until December 10, 2007, and the appropriate fee are filed concurrently herewith. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment and Response, and the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination, are

timely filed within the one-month extension period because they are filed before the expiration of December 10, 2007.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Response and Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.